

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of fixing support means disposed within an evacuated glass panel, said evacuated glass panel including at least two planar glass sheets having support means disposed therein, said method comprising at least the following steps of:

applying a solution layer on a surface of a first planar glass sheet;

placing said support means on said solution layer above said first planar glass sheet;

covering an upper surface of said support means with a second planar glass sheet,
said support means being stably positioned between said first and second planar glass sheets by liquid immersion and surface tension of said solution layer; and

heating said solution layer to dry so as to fix said support means between said first and second planar glass sheets;

wherein each of the above steps is performed in sequential order.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of fixing support means disposed within an evacuated glass panel according to claim 1, wherein said solution layer entirely or partly covers said surface of said first planar glass sheet.
3. (Original) The method of fixing support means disposed within an evacuated glass panel according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said solution layer is applied by way of rolling, spraying or printing.
4. (Original) The method of fixing support means disposed within an evacuated glass

panel according to claim 3, wherein said solution layer is an organic or non-organic solution layer.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of fixing support means disposed within an evacuated glass panel according to claim 4, wherein said organic solution layer is rosin spirit.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of fixing support means disposed within an evacuated glass panel according to claim 4, wherein said non-organic solution layer is indium oxide or tin chloride.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of fixing support means disposed within an evacuated glass panel according to claim 1, wherein said second planar glass sheet is a top planar glass sheet or an intermediate planar glass sheet of said evacuated glass panel.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of fixing support means within an evacuated glass panel according to claim 1, wherein said step of heating said solution layer comprises oven drying or sintering.
9. (Previously Presented) An evacuated glass panel manufactured by the method according to claim 1, comprising a top planar glass sheet, a bottom planar glass sheet, support means and a seal component around a periphery of said top and bottom planar glass sheets, wherein said support means are disposed between said top and bottom planar glass sheets; said support means are adhered to an upper surface of said bottom planar glass sheet through a residual solution layer; and a cavity between said

top and bottom planar glass sheets is an evacuated space.

10. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 9, wherein an upper surface of said top planar glass sheet has upper support means adhesively disposed through a residual solution layer; said upper support means are covered with another planar glass sheet; a cavity between said another planar glass sheet and said top planar glass sheet is evacuated, and a seal component is disposed around a periphery of said another planar glass sheet and said top planar glass sheet.
11. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 9, wherein said support means comprise a plurality of support members each being a solid or hollow pillar; said hollow pillar has a penetrated portion at its side or upper surface, and through said penetrated portion a space between said top and bottom planar glass sheets is communicated with an inner cavity of said hollow pillar.
12. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 10, wherein said support means comprise a plurality of support members uniformly disposed on said upper surface of said bottom planar glass sheet or said upper support means comprise a plurality of support members uniformly disposed on said upper surface of said top planar glass sheet.
13. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 11, wherein said penetrated portion is a hole opened at a side surface of said hollow pillar or a notch opened at an upper end portion of said hollow pillar.
14. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 9, wherein said

residual solution layer is an adherent layer formed after volatilization of an organic or non-organic solution; said adherent layer entirely or partly covers said upper surface of said bottom planar glass sheet.

15. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 14, wherein said organic solution comprises rosin spirit.
16. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 14, wherein said non-organic solution comprises indium oxide or tin chloride.
17. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 9, wherein said seal component is an edge frame component sealed and jointed vertically around said periphery of said top and bottom planar glass sheets by sintering low melting point glass powders applied on an inner side of said edge frame component.
18. (Previously Presented) The evacuated glass panel according to claim 17, wherein said seal component is a glass strip or metal frame.